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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability dated January 6, 2010, the Applicants comment as follows. In the Statement, the Examiner provides remarks about the novelty and non-obviousness of the pending claims. The Applicants agree the pending claims are allowable, but note that such claims may be allowable for reasons in addition to those stated by the Examiner. Moreover, to the extent the Statement implies for any claim a limitation that is not expressly stated in the claim, the claim is not so limited. Rather, the actual language of the respective claims speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted.

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